



TRANSCRIPT – IRISH CITIES: THE VIDEO

The four most important cities in the Irish Republic are Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Galway. Let's take a brief look at them.

Dublin

Dublin is the capital and largest city in Ireland with a population of just over one million. It is the seat of the Irish parliament and the economic center of Ireland. Founded by the Vikings in the 9th century, Dublin has now become a thriving European capital. Located on the Irish Sea and at the mouth of the Liffey River, Dublin is a safe and accessible city that has a lot to offer, especially in terms of culture. It has elegant Georgian architecture and a rich literary heritage.

Cork

Situated on the southern coast of Ireland, Cork is a lot smaller than Dublin with about 125,000 inhabitants. Cork has one of the largest natural harbours in the world and is on the River Lee which divides and makes Cork an island. The locals are very proud of their city and consider Cork 'the real capital of Ireland'. It is artistic and cosmopolitan but at the same time quiet and traditional. It is known for its lively music scene and good restaurants.

Limerick

With a population of about 100,000 inhabitants, Limerick is situated on the Shannon River on the Western coast of Ireland. Like Cork, its historic center is on an island. Although Limerick was severely affected by economic crisis, Limerick is recovering and in 2014 became Ireland's first *National City of Culture*. It has a medieval castle and cathedral as well as historic Georgian townhouses. There are many traditional pubs and a lot of street art.

Galway

Also on Ireland's west coast, Galway is an attractive bohemian city with a lot of festivals, celebrations and events. It is perhaps the best place to listen to traditional Irish music and has a lively pub and restaurant scene where you can try their famous oysters. On the River Corrib, this town of about 80,000 inhabitants has brightly painted houses, medieval walls, and an elegant seaside promenade.